

**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 3, 6-12 and 17-22 were identified as being allowable in the office action. In addition, claims 1, 4, 5, and 14-16 were identified as being allowable if the double patenting rejection were overcome by filing a terminal disclaimer. Attached to and concurrently filed with this response is a terminal disclaimer with the requisite fee. Submission of this paper therefor places the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

The application includes claims 1-12 and 14-22.. The pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and it is requested that the application be reconsidered and passed to issue at the earliest possible date.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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